

# NBVC FIRE DEPARTMENT

## "THE ALARM"

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### **FIRE DEPARTMENT LOCATOR DECALS**

The NBVC Fire Prevention Office would like to provide the following information regarding locator decals on windows to maintain consistency in educating the public.

With the advice of the Ventura County Fire Safety Council Education Advisory Committee, the State Fire Marshal recommends that window decals **NOT BE USED** in residences in California for the following reasons:

- The average family moves about once every five years. When a house changes

hands, room occupants also change; and as a family grows there is often a change in the use of rooms making the decal meaningless.

- Children frequently sleep in rooms other than their own bedroom or leave their room when frightened and therefore will often not be in the room marked with a decal.

- Rescue is the foremost concern of firefighters. They are trained to make a thorough and systematic search for anyone inside a burning building. Critical time could be lost in looking for windows marked with decals (with no assurance anyone would be in that room).

- Firefighters could also be subject to additional risks in entering a building at a marked window rather than following standard search and rescue procedures.

- A decal can also be an invitation to a burglar or other intruder to enter through that window since no physical opposition would be likely.

### **ALTERNATIVE**

The most effective way to protect yourself and your family in the event of a fire in your house is to:

- Be sure your smoke detectors are maintained and

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working properly. It is recommended to change your batteries when you change the time.

- Prepare and practice a family escape plan.

Early warning devices and knowing two ways out have saved countless lives.... make them your insurance for safety. Practice fire safety every day.

## **“SNAKE SAFETY”**

### **Venomous Snake**

S. Pacific Rattle

### **Non-venomous Snakes**

Snakes Gopher Snakes, King Snakes, and Garter Snakes

### **Snake Sightings**

- Most snakes are sighted between the hours of 2pm and 8pm
- Avoid picking up snakes whether they are venomous or non-venomous
- Most snakes will travel on if left alone
- If unsure of type of snake and it does not

leave the property call the fire department for removal. Continue observing the snake until the fire departments arrival

- **Avoid killing snakes, especially California King Snakes and Gopher Snakes. They are an important part of our environment**

### **Hiker Protection**

- Never hike alone. A companion can render help transporting you to safety or go for help if you are bitten
- Be careful where you place your hands and feet and where you sit

### **Homeowner**

- Discourage rattlesnakes in your yard by removing piles of boards, wood or rocks near your home. Use caution when removing these, as snakes may already be inside piles
- Be sure that all doors/windows fit tightly so that snakes will not enter
- Keep door completely closed during warm months

- Be careful when stepping into a cool dark garage or over the doorstep. Snakes will crawl into cool areas beneath edges of doorsteps to escape heat

### **First Aid For Bites**

- Move victim away to prevent more bites
- Do not attempt to capture or restrain snakes
- Wash the wound
- Quiet the victim to slow down the blood circulation
- Transport to a medical facility as soon as possible or call 9-1-1 for help
- Do not use ice; do not cut wound and no tourniquets.

### **\*\*NEW LOCATION\*\***

NBVC Fire Headquarters  
Building 613  
So. Laguna Road  
Point Mugu

### **Fire Prevention Staff**

Chief Olson	989-0112
Inspector Mijares	989-0109
Inspector Martinez	989-0111
Inspector Aguirre	989-0113
Inspector Matthews	989-0115

*Welding & BBQ permits:*  
989-7034

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